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January 19, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

BUFORD RANDLE,

Petitioner,

VS.

WILLIAM STEPHENS,

Respondent.

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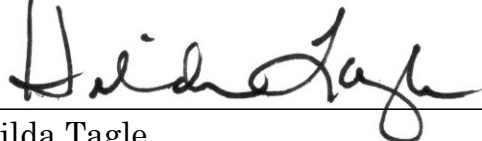
CIVIL NO. 2:16-CV-21

**ORDER**

The Court has before it Petitioner Buford Randle's ("Randle") motion for a certificate of appealability (Dkt. No. 30) and the Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") of the Magistrate Judge to whom this case was referred (Dkt. No. 36). In the M&R, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court deny Randle a certificate of appealability. The time to file objections has passed, and no objections have been filed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (setting a 14-day deadline to file objections); *see also* M&R, Dkt. No. 36 at 3 (advising parties of the 14-day deadline).

After an independent review of the record and applicable law, the Court **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge's M&R (Dkt. No. 36) and **DENIES** Randle's motion for a certificate of appealability (Dkt. No. 30).

SIGNED this 19th day of January, 2018.



Hilda Tagle  
Senior United States District Judge